



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section 1403.1.4

Question:

Is it the intent of 1403.1.4 to permit a private provider on a project to approve the use of caulking in lieu of flashing as required by FBCB 2001, Section 1403.1.4 in a fully and easily accessible location without the approval of the building official?

Answer

No, 1403.1.4 states "Caulking shall be provided where such flashing is determined by the BUILDING OFFICIAL to be impractical". It is the BO's right and responsibility to determine if standard flashing is impractical, not a private provider.

Commentary:

The only person authorized by Florida Building Code section 104.11 and by Florida Statute to allow "alternate methods" to the code is the Building Official.

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